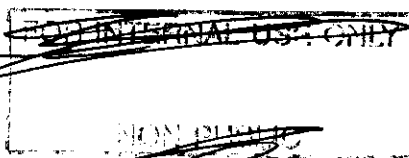




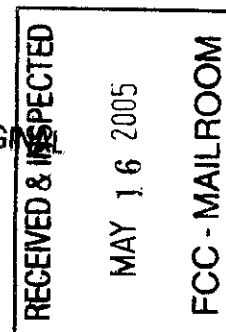
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Communications, Inc. and MCI, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-75

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Please accept this letter as strongly supporting Verizon Communications' proposed acquisition of MCI.

The acquisition would provide new services, technologies, investment and cost savings to consumers and businesses across the United States. Combining MCI's global long-distance voice and data network and Internet backbone with Verizon's local wireline and wireless networks should yield cost savings to both consumers and businesses as efficiencies and investments in new technologies are developed. To compete in a global marketplace, these efficiencies and investments are crucial to keeping our country competitive and communications at world class levels.

The FCC's endorsement of the acquisition would spur further development of new products and services not just for the consumer, but also for businesses of all sizes and types across the country. It is an exciting time for telecommunications – and the next generation of services that would spring from this acquisition would get us to that next level that much faster. We need it for education, for our job creation and retention, and for our security. I urge you to support the Verizon-MCI plan.

Sincerely,

Kathleen T. Snyder, CCE
President and CEO

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